

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ALISON MICHELE CRUZ, *on behalf of  
herself and all others similarly situated*,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY,  
Defendant.

23-CV-05426 (AS)

ORDER

ARUN SUBRAMANIAN, United States District Judge:

This case has been reassigned to the undersigned. All counsel must familiarize themselves with the Court's Individual Practices, which are available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-arun-subramanian>. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, all prior orders, dates, and deadlines shall remain in effect notwithstanding the case's reassignment.

Additionally, by Friday, August 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., the parties are hereby ORDERED to file on ECF a joint letter, not to exceed two (2) pages, containing the following information:

1. A brief explanation of Defendant's failure to respond to the Complaint, and
2. A statement of whether the parties have discussed the use of alternate dispute resolution mechanisms and indicating whether the parties believe that (a) a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge; (b) participation in the District's Mediation Program; and/or (c) retention of a privately retained mediator would be appropriate and, if so, when in the case (*e.g.*, within the next 60 days, after the

deposition of plaintiff is completed, after the close of fact discovery, etc.) the use of such a mechanism would be appropriate.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 10, 2023  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arun Subramanian', is written over a horizontal line.

ARUN SUBRAMANIAN  
United States District Judge